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Administration Attitudes

The excerpt below is from an article on the Carter Presidency in last Sunday's New York Times Magazine. I'm calling it to your attention for what it might be worth in connection with charter legislation.

> The major lessons of the President's nearly two years. in office are twofold, Mr. Eizenstat says. First, the President must concentrate on a few measures, instead of the scattershot approach. Next year there will be only two major initiatives, he said: SALT and an anti-inflation plan. Second, the Administration will stifle its penchant for comprehensive legislation, he said. "We learned that comprehensive legislation is not always the best way to deal with things," he said. The White House now considers the comprehensive approach overly ambitious, unnecessarily cumbersome and needlessly antagonistic.

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